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According to the article, Stevens has managed to garner more than \$200 million in the Senate's version of the Defense Appropriations bill. Moreover, The Senate appropriators recently disclosed that they intend to include more than \$3 billion in personal project requests that the Pentagon has not requested.

Because of Senator Steven's indictment that is allegedly linked to earmarks, you would think that the leadership on Capitol Hill would take a second look at earmarks. Unfortunately this article serves as evidence that it is business as usual in the appropriations committees, and the taxpayer is at the short end of the deal.